



UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES OF THE TECHNICAL PANEL ON PEST FREE AREAS AND SYSTEMS APPROACHES FOR FRUIT FLIES (TPFF) FROM MAY 2015 TO APRIL 2016

(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)

[1] The IPPC Secretariat support for the Technical Panel on Pest Free Areas and Systems Approaches for Fruit Flies (TPFF) are:

- Ms Eva Moller (Secretariat lead)
- Mr Rui Cardoso Pereira (technical expert, Secretariat support)

Membership update:

[2] The detailed TPF membership list can be found on the [IPP](#). Below is a simplified version of the TPF membership as of April 2016:

Participant role	Name (country)	Term expires
Steward	Ms Ana Lilia MONTEALEGRE LARA (Mexico)	
Assistant steward	Ms Thanh Huong HA (Viet Nam)	
Member	Ms Mary BAHDOUSHEH (Jordan)	2016
Member	Mr Robert DUTHIE (Australia)	2016
Member	Mr Rui CARDOSO PEREIRA (IAEA)	2016
Member	Mr Keng Hong TAN (Malaysia)	2016
Member	Mr Kenji TSURUTA (Japan)	2016
Member	Ms Alies VAN SAUERS-MULLER (Suriname)	2016
Member	Mr Jan Hendrik VENTER (South Africa)	2016
Member	Mr José Luis ZAVALA LÓPEZ (Mexico)	2016

[3] Considering terms of all TPF members expire in 2016 while work on fruit fly standard harmonization continues, it is proposed to extend the terms of all members until the current work programme has been concluded.

Volume of work for the TPF from May 2015 to April 2016:

[4] The TPF met in Vienna, Austria, on 19-23 October 2015, hosted by the Joint Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency (FAO/IAEA). The report from the meeting can be found on the IPP¹.

[5] The following fruit fly standard was still under development during the past year, and was presented to CPM-11 (2016) for adoption:

- Draft ISPM on *Determination of host status of fruit to fruit fly (Tephritidae)* (2006-031).

¹ TPF report: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/expert-drafting-groups/technical-panels/technical-panel-fruit-flies/>

Draft ISPM on *Determination of host status of fruit to fruit fly (Tephritidae)* (2006-031)

- [6] Following the objection to the adoption of the draft ISPM on the *Determination of host status of fruit to fruit fly (Tephritidae)* under CPM-10 (2015), the SC May 2015 agreed to submit the draft ISPM to the Substantial concerns commenting period (SCCP), 1 June – 30 September 2015, with only the paragraphs that had been modified after CPM-10 (2015) open for commenting.
- [7] Thirteen comments were received and the TPF reviewed and responded to the comments in their face-to-face meeting, and reviewed and revised the draft ISPM². The revised ISPM was presented to the SC November 2015 meeting, and the SC agreed to submit the draft to CPM-11 (2016) for adoption. No formal objections were raised so this standard was adopted without discussion.

Harmonization and reorganization of fruit fly standards

- [8] In their face-to-face meeting, the TPF discussed the proposal for harmonization and reorganization of the suite of IPPC fruit fly standards (2015-012). The outcome of the discussions and recommendations to the SC are presented in a separate document (05_SC_2016_May, under agenda item 9.4).
- [9] The TPF was joined by Mr MALAVASI, Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Nuclear Sciences and Applications (also a former TPF member), Mr Qu LIANG, Director of the Joint FAO/IAEA Division and Mr Guy HALLMAN (member of the TPPT and consultant with the IAEA) for a discussion on the future needs for the IPPC community in relation to fruit flies.
- [10] The group discussed the importance of providing further guidance for the implementation of fruit fly standards because many NPPOs have challenges in understanding which standard to implement in the specific situation. The panel felt that the implementation challenges were widely known and have been expressed by NPPOs on several occasions. The panel highlighted the need for increased implementation efforts, and felt that additional guidance on phytosanitary treatments would also be helpful as part of a systems approach. It was noted that some countries believe that treatments can be applied as the sole phytosanitary measure but that in reality this is not the case because the desired level of efficacy will not always be reached.
- [11] This guidance should also provide information on the links to diagnostic protocols and to auditing procedures for fruit fly management programmes. The group felt that this proposal would help create stronger links between ISPMs.
- [12] The group considered that the TPPT would benefit from discussing the reorganization of the FF ISPMs because it would be important for the TPPT to grasp the importance of treatments as being part of a systems approach.
- [13] The group felt that this guidance should be two-fold: (i) scientific and peer-reviewed papers on the implementation of fruit fly standards; (ii) standard operation procedures which would present the various management options in a flow chart with detailed explanations.
- [14] The Secretariat pointed out that capacity development work was under the remit of the Implementation Facilitation Unit of the Secretariat, and that the SC might be propose that the Implementation Review and Support System might benefit from a study. The panel felt that their main role was to stress the need for future work on fruit flies but that the SC should consider the best approach. The Secretariat also recalled that technical documentation that may be deemed as useful for the IPPC community can be forwarded to the Capacity Development Committee for their consideration and possible posting on the Phytosanitary Resources page.

² Compiled comments from SCCP: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/compiled-substantial-concerns-draft-ispm/>

Tentative work plan for the period May 2016-April 2017

- [15] Depending on the SC decision on the future steps for the reorganization and harmonization of fruit fly standards (2015-012), see proposed recommendations in 05_SC_2016_May, the TPF will be called upon to respond to any issues or concerns regarding the reorganization and minor revisions and provide additional explanations for the proposals as necessary. The panel may also be requested to assist the IPPC Secretariat to prepare documentation to present to the CPM if needed. It is foreseen that this work can be carried out via e-mail or through other virtual means.